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Expressing the Sense of Congress on the Humanitarian Crisis in Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Crisis in Iraq.

Whereas according to the United Nations, nearly 2,000,000 Iraqis have been forced to flee Iraq due to terrorism and sectarian conflict and another 1,700,000 have been forced to relocate within Iraq;

Whereas the United Nations estimates that more than 4,000,000 Iraqis are currently displaced from their homes, including roughly 2,200,000 inside Iraq and 2,000,000 refugees;

Whereas their numbers grow at an estimated rate of 80,000 to 100,000 per month;

Whereas refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (“IDPs”) increasingly present a security crisis for Iraq’s government and for the stability of the Middle East at large;

Whereas the deprivation of food, shelter, and medical care for these refugees and IDPs constitutes a major humanitarian crisis;

Whereas this refugee crisis is creating a severe strain on the economy of Iraq as well as the economies of neighboring countries; and

Whereas the international community through organizations such as the Office of The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”) and the International Committee of the Red Cross are making bold efforts that focus attention and resources on this problem: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3 (1) the Iraqi refugee crisis must be addressed
4 before it becomes a major factor in the destabiliza-
5 tion of Iraq;

6 (2) this humanitarian crisis, if left to fester,
7 could become an increasing threat to the National
8 security of the United States;

9 (3) the Iraqi Red Crescent Organization is a
10 principal relief organization providing immediate re-
11 lief in the form of food, shelter, and medicine to the
12 IDP and refugee populations in Iraq; and

13 (4) the United States should support the Iraqi
14 Red Crescent Organization in their work to provide
15 humanitarian relief to the people of Iraq.

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